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MINUTES GRAPHIC REVIEW BOARD August 4, 2011

The Graphic Review Board met on Thursday, August 4, 2011. Acting Chairperson Sandy Crites called the meeting to Order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Sandy Crites, Sharon Ryan, John Janek and Martha Burich. Also present was Steve Willaredt, Planning & Zoning Administrator.

Excused Absences: Sam Akeman and Dennis Wilmsmeyer.

INTRODUCTION

Mr. Jake Taylor, representative for Jon Ferry, Granite City's Economic Development Director introduced himself and stated he is an intern working with Jon on a revised Graphic Review Ordinance. Mr. Ferry was unable to attend this evening.

NEW BUSINESS / Review of Draft

Mr. Taylor stated there are not many changes to the draft dated June 21, 2011. He said he has read Ordinances from Edwardsville, Illinois and some from the western United States. He described the code coloring in the draft:

Blue – adding language or changes to language

Black – No changes made

Red – language deleted

Mr. Taylor said some of the present language has been separated and become categorized as either “purpose” or “intent”.

Discussion followed. The reason for the changes to the Ordinance came about in 2009, when the City wanted to clean up signs on Nameoki Road, particularly the free standing/pole type signs, some as tall as 25 ft. in height. There was a stipulation that free standing, or pole signs, had to be removed by 2011. That stipulation was repealed by the City Council.

By way of attrition, the focus has been to allow flush mounted or monument style signs, with maximum height of 7 ft. however, few businesses have moved or changed ownership.

Mr. Taylor admitted the presentation is a “Draft” and is neither ready for a vote by this Board nor to ready to present to City Council for passage.

The Zoning Administrator suggested the Graphic Review Board take a look at the Draft. He recommended Jon Ferry and Jake complete the draft in its entirety, for a final review, at the next meeting. The meeting date is to be at Mr. Ferry's discretion.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None voiced.

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Sharon Ryan and seconded by Martha Burich. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Hawkins

Secretary,

Graphic Review Board